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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – Smt. B. Aruna Kumari, Finance Officer (Retd), O/o IIIT, Nuziveedu, Krishna District – Disciplinary proceedings in connection with fraudulent Post Metric Scholarship bills preferred by the Deputy Director, O/o Social Welfare, Eluru at District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District – Inquiry conducted- Imposition of punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year – orders – issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1979 **Dated: 10.11.2021**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.346 Finance (Admn.I) Department, dtd.26.12.2012.
2. DTA Memo. No. K(I)3/3169/2009-1, Dtd: 19.01.2013.
3. Written statement of defense of Smt. B. Aruna Kumari, dated 26.02.2013.
4. DTA Procgs. No.K(I)3/3169/2009, dtd.21.05.2014, 25.08.2014 & 24.09.2015
5. Lr. No. Nil, dtd.08.08.2016 of Sri M. Viswanath, Inquiry Officer
6. DTA Procgs. No.K(I)3/3169/2009-1, dtd.28.09.2016.
7. Explanation of Smt. B. Aruna Kumari, dated 12.11.16.
8. DTA Lr.No.G3/K(I)3/3169/2009, dtd.15.03.2017.
9. Govt. Memo. No. 386/40/A1/Admn.I/2009-1 dated:08.12.2018.
10. Gazette Notification dt. 29.8.2019.
11. Lr.No.153/DC&C/2021, dated.23.06.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the DTA, A.P. has been appointed as common disciplinary authority in the case of fraudulent Post Metric Scholarship bills, preferred by the Deputy Director, O/o Social Welfare, Eluru at District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District. In the reference second above, charges have been framed against Smt. B. Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District, during the period from 02/2004 to 6/2008, who has admitted and passed the irregular claims preferred by the Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Eluru.

2. In the reference third read above, the charged officer has submitted her written statement of defence. It has been examined and found that it was not convincing. Hence Sri M. Viswanath, Joint Director of Treasuries and Accounts Department was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide reference fourth read above, to find out the truth in the charges and the Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report through the reference fifth read above and held that the charges levelled against the charged officer have been proved.

3. In the reference sixth read above, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, has agreed with the findings of the inquiry and communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the charged officer to submit her representation if any, on the findings of the inquiry officer and the above charged officer vide reference seventh read above, submitted her explanation on the findings of the inquiry.

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4. In the reference eighth read above, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam has informed that the charged officer was retired from service in the post of Joint Director as Finance Officer, RGUKT, IIIT, Nuzivid on 31.01.2017 on attaining the age of superannuation.

5. Since the explanation submitted by the charged officer is not convincing in the reference ninth read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer to explain why the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year should not be imposed on her under "Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980". The DTA has informed that since the whereabouts of the charged officer are not known to the Department, the show cause notice was communicated to her residential address that was available with the department and also to her last working station i.e., RGKUT, IIIT, Nuziveedu through registered post. In the reference tenth read above, the show cause notice was published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette as per sub rule (iii) of Rule 42 of APCS(CC& A) Rules, 1991. However, no explanation has been received from the charged officer.

6. In the reference eleventh read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has concurred with the penalty proposed to be imposed on the charged officer.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the charges levelled against Smt. B. Aruna Kumari, Joint Director (Retd.), Treasuries and Accounts Department, Andhra Pradesh.

8. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Individual through the DTA, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
Copy to:
The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER